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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER-DESIGNATE PAHOR SENDS
CONGRATULATIONS TO PRESIDENT-ELECT OBAMA

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1. (U) Post has received the following letter of congratulations from Borut Pahor, President of the Social Democrats (SD) party of the Republic of Slovenia. A scanned copy as e-mailed to EUR/CE on November 5. SD prevailed in the recent election and President Turk has nominated Pahor to be the Prime Minister. the Slovene parliament is expected to confirm Pahor's nomination on November 7.

2. (U) Begin text:

Dear Mr. President, Distinguished Mr. Barack Obama, On behalf of Social Democrats of Slovenia and on my own behalf I am honoured to be able to congratulate You for Your outstanding, and may I say historical winning the presidential elections of the United States of America.

I am deeply convinced that Your great success is of enormous importance not only for the progress and further development of the United States of America and its citizens but I believe Your victory brings hope and extremely important message to the people all around the world.

On this occasion, allow me to express our sincere interest in further fruitful collaboration and intensification of contacts between our countries.

I wish You a lot of political wisdom and success in your future work and I hope You will continue your quest for change that we all admire You for.

Yours sincerely,

Borut Pahor
President of Social Democrats
Ljubljana, November, 5th 2008

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